

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY	DOCKET NO. TF-00-183
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**ORDER APPROVING TARIFF TO PROVIDE NATURAL GAS SERVICE TO  
WAUKEE, IOWA**

(Issued August 21, 2000)

On July 20, 2000, MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican) filed tariffs for approval by the Utilities Board (Board) which contain provisions for the delivery of natural gas service to the municipal gas utility in Waukee, Iowa. The tariff filing was identified as Docket No. TF-00-183. On July 31, 2000, the Consumer Advocate Division of the Justice Department filed a response stating that it had no objection to the approval of the tariff. On August 2, 2000, MidAmerican filed revisions to the proposed tariff.

MidAmerican states, in support of the tariff, that Waukee is a rapidly growing suburban community located west of Des Moines, Iowa, that operates its own municipal gas utility for Waukee residents. MidAmerican states that Waukee's rapid growth has caused a need for additional gas supplies and the option chosen by Waukee to meet that need is to interconnect with MidAmerican.

Waukee has an existing delivery point on Northern Natural Gas Company's (Northern) interstate system located west of the city. Waukee's growth is occurring

on the east side adjacent to MidAmerican's distribution system. Interconnection with MidAmerican on the east side will be less costly for Waukee than connecting to the Northern system on the west side. This would also provide additional reliability for Waukee's system.

In addition, the interconnection with MidAmerican will benefit MidAmerican. By making the interconnection with Waukee, MidAmerican will construct a 12-inch pipeline, instead of an 8-inch, and will construct a loop in the system in West Des Moines sooner than originally planned. This construction will provide additional reliability for the MidAmerican system in that area and provide for future growth on the MidAmerican system.

MidAmerican proposes to charge a reservation fee of \$5.50 per DTh of Maximum Daily Quantity per month and a commodity charge of \$0.0350 per Dth for service to Waukee. MidAmerican indicates that the revenues generated from the 12-inch pipeline will be substantially larger than the incremental cost of constructing the larger pipeline. MidAmerican states that it will reflect the revenues received from the service in its next general rate case proceeding.

The Board finds that the tariff should be approved as requested by MidAmerican. The provision of service to Waukee will benefit both Waukee and MidAmerican through increased reliability on both systems and the ability to provide service to a growing area. From the information supplied by MidAmerican, the projected revenues from the pipeline will more than offset the cost of the construction

of the larger pipeline. These revenues will be reflected in MidAmerican's next general rate case proceeding. The Board finds that this proposal benefits both parties and MidAmerican ratepayers and will be approved.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

The tariff filed by MidAmerican Energy Company on July 20, 2000, as revised on August 2, 2000, to provide service to Waukee, Iowa, is approved effective the date of this order.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Raymond K. Vawter, Jr.      /s/ Diane Munns  
Executive Secretary

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2000.